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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the office action mailed on September 4, 2002. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections are hereby respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application, wherein claims 5-8, and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a nonelected species. Claims 1-4, 9-15, and 17-19¹ remain at issue. Claims 1, 3, 9, 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 623,366 (Halvorsen). Claims 2, 4, 11, 13-15 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

¹ Please note that the Office Action Summary sheet makes no mention of the specific disposition of claim 19. However, the detailed action rejects claim 19 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants have respectfully revised the provided disposition of the claims to reflect the intention of the action